

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Climate Change Legislation: Tax Considerations."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 2:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Cell Phone Text Messaging Rate Increases and the State of Competition in the Wireless Market."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting Our Employees: Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and the Federal Workforce."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWERS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jonathan Kolikant and Matthew Long of Senator BINGAMAN's office be granted the privilege of the floor for the pendency of the Travel Promotion bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF PRIVATE WILLIAM ANDREW "ANDY" LONG AND THE WOUNDING OF PRIVATE QUINTON EZEAGWULA

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 186 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 186) condemning the murder of Army Private William Andrew "Andy" Long and the wounding of Army Private Quinton Ezeagwula, who were shot outside the Army-Navy Career Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 1, 2009.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to a young man, Army PVT William Andrew Long, of Conway, AR. Last week, he was laid

to rest at the Arkansas Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock. He was buried with full military honors and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Private Long was a loving son, brother, and friend whose life was tragically cut short on June 1 in a senseless attack outside of an Army-Navy Career Center in Little Rock, AR. PVT Quinton Ezeagwula was also injured in the attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, and we hope he makes a very speedy recovery.

Private Long had recently finished Army training and was set to deploy to South Korea. He had been appointed to the Army's Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program in Little Rock and was at the Army recruiting office on that fateful day because he had volunteered to tell others about his experience in the U.S. military.

Known to his friends and family as Andy, Private Long will always be remembered by all of us and all of them for his boundless energy, his keen intelligence, his infectious smile, and his great sense of humor. His country and all Arkansans will remember him as a hero with the courage to serve his Nation during a time of war. He will also be remembered as a young man whose life was ended way too soon.

Private Long hailed from a fiercely patriotic family, with four generations of uniformed service to the United States. Andy's great grandfather and grandfather served. Both of his parents served, and his brother, PFC Triston Long, continues to serve today and will be deployed to Iraq later this summer. On behalf of my colleagues in the Senate and the people of Arkansas, I wish to take this moment to thank the Long family for their extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation.

On that tragic day, Andy was targeted in what I view as an act of terrorism because of the uniform he wore—a uniform that stands as a symbol of this great country.

Ours is a nation where we resolve our differences through debate and democratic elections, not through violence. This is a country where freedom is cherished and liberty is recognized as an inalienable right for all people.

Terrorism has absolutely no place in this country, and as elected representatives of the people, it is our duty to ensure we are doing everything we can to combat terrorism, bring justice to its perpetrators, and protect our communities and our families. That is why I stand here today to put forth a resolution condemning the murder of Private Long and condemning the use of violence to achieve political ends. Additionally, I call for the swift prosecution, to the fullest extent of the law, of the perpetrators of this senseless shooting.

The men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces risk their lives every day, both overseas and here on our own soil in the United States. Let it be